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TOPIC 1. Central Motor Transport Training School of the Hungarian Army
2. Delivery of Soviet Tanks to Hungarian Army

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1. The following information on the central motor transport school of the Hungarian Army up to early [REDACTED] *

a. Superior Headquarters

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Supply Department of the Ministry of National Defense.

b. Location:

Motor Transport Barracks on Zachstreet, X, City District of BUDAPEST.

c. Officers and organization:

CO: Lt Col Mihaly MORICZ. Adjutant: Sub-Lt Gyoergy KOZMA

Director of Training: Maj KALMAN

Dpty Director of Training: Capt Laszlo HAMBICH

CO of Maintenance Section: Maj Aladar VIREBITS

CO of 1st Co: 2d Lt HOLLO

CO of 2d Co: Unidentified (previous CO, 1st Lt BIRTHA, was arrested)

CO of Motor Transport Section: Unidentified.

d. Motor vehicles:

About 45 Jeeps, 10 1.5-ton weapon carriers, 12 3-ton Raba trucks, 25 Soviet 350-cu.cm motorcycles (arrived in the Summer of 1949 and resembled the German BMW type).

e. Training:

Drivers for the Hungarian Army were trained at the school. Three hundred trainees at a time were assigned to the two companies. One company consisted of recruits, the other of trained personnel from various units. Students were trained in driving motorcycles, passenger cars and trucks.

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f. Fuel Dump:

A small fuel dump with a capacity of about four railroad tank cars was in the barracks area. The dump, run by Capt MATYTS, was not subordinate to the school.

2. One hundred tanks and two SP guns arrived by rail at the Motor Transport Barracks on Zachstreet in late August 1949. Some of the tanks were immediately handed over to the Motor Vehicle Repair Section to be studied for future repair work. Several days later the tanks were picked up by officer candidates of the tank arm and driven away at night. The acceptance of the armored vehicles was witnessed by a tank colonel who was described as commanding officer of the ESZTERGOM (Q 48/Z 27) tank division. The colonel said that the tanks were of type T34 **
3. The following Hungarian officers were known to source:***
 - a. Col Laszlo PADUSITZKY: Seen to accompany the Minister of National Defense.
 - b. Lt Col Oedcen PASZTONY: Special missions staff officer assigned to the Minister of National Defense.
 - c. Maj. Gen. Gyorgy PORFFY: Inspector of Artillery.
 - d. Maj Antal FERENCfalvy: Attached to the Inspector of AAA (previously assigned to the Personnel section of the Ministry of National Defense).
 - e. Col Pal HLU: Attached to the Political Department of the Ministry of National Defense.
 - f. Lt Col Dr. SZEREMLEY: Attached to the Political Department of the Ministry of National Defense.
 - g. Col JANOSI: Attached to the Political Department of the Ministry of National Defense.
 - h. ? Rank HENKEI: Attached to the Inspector of Air Force
 - i. Lt Col Jenoe CZEDE: Executed; previously attached to the Personnel Section of the Ministry of National Defense.
 - j. Capt Andras CSERHALY: Arrested; previously chief of the Rehabilitation Section of the Ministry of National Defense.

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~~Comment:~~ [REDACTED]

* The Central Motor Transport Training School of the Hungarian Army was first mentioned as a drivers' school in newspaper accounts of February 1949. The data on the school's organization, etc. appears credible.

** The report confirms previous information on the delivery of Soviet tanks (type T34) to the Hungarian tank arm, primarily to the ESZTERGOM tank division, which is still believed to be in the phase of activation.

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*** Most of the reported officers are known in their positions and are thus confirmed by the report.

Maj. Gen. PORFFY was identified as Artillery Commander in PECS in early 1949.

1 Annex: Standard Manpower Questionnaire